

Last year, President Bush attempted to roll back Title IX by dramatically reducing the participation and scholarships opportunities for women athletes. Just recently, the Department of Education announced its intention to throw out basic protections against sex discrimination in public schools.

Last week 58 members of Congress joined me in registering our opposition to the proposed changes in Title IX regulations. All Americans need to be aware of this Administration's abysmal education record. This President has adopted a "bait and switch" attitude regarding his support for education programs. He is at it again with a plan to dismantle Title IX. It is time for real educational funding and commitments, not just another hypocritical proposal.

RECOGNIZING MR. STEPHEN G. SHEETZ

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary vision of entrepreneur Stephen G. Sheetz, owner and chairman of Sheetz, Inc. for his "2004 Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Advocacy".

This prestigious award, presented by the Chamber of Commerce of Blair County, Pennsylvania, has been designed to honor an individual who has set the standard of excellence in achievement, both personal and professional.

Steve Sheetz is recognized as a true leader of both his family's business, Sheetz, Inc., as well as, the business community of central Pennsylvania.

He has served as a longtime mentor and visionary for generations of fellow business associates, family members, and employees, as well as, a devoted following of consumers.

He constantly sets an example of selflessness by helping to promote the overall business climate without focusing efforts on his own business or personal gains.

I am pleased to commemorate the excellence in achievement of Stephen G. Sheetz, of Sheetz, Inc.

This honor is appropriately "Made To Order".

TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA MASON-CORLETT

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, it is my extreme pleasure and privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Cynthia Mason-Corlett for being awarded the 2003 Milken National Education Award.

Ms. Corlett began her teaching career in 1988, teaching science and math to middle school students. Currently, she teaches eighth grade at Sierra Middle School in Parker, Colorado. She has excelled at energizing students by using hands-on teaching methods. Students investigate everything from air pressure

to space travel, and share their knowledge by conducting science demonstrations for second graders from neighborhood elementary schools.

The Milken National Educator Award is today one of the largest teacher recognition programs in the United States; one hundred new educators from across the country will receive their awards for excellence in their profession. Ms. Corlett will join 72 previous winners from the state of Colorado to work on strengthening teacher quality, and serving as expert resources for policy makers.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that Cynthia Mason-Corlett is a person who possesses dedication and commitment to her life long pursuit of educating young people. It is not only her devotion, but also her passion for contributing to the betterment of the Colorado community that I wish to recognize before this body. It is my distinct pleasure to honor Cynthia here today, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

WORLD MAGAZINE

**HON. MIKE PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, April 21, I inadvertently failed to give proper attribution to World Magazine during my Case for Life Special Order. I read the following quote and would like to credit World Magazine as its source:

"A native of India, he just does not meet the stereotype, not just the head wrap, the neat beard, the Rollie Fingers-style mustache, but he views abortion as an unalienable right for women in America."

TREE CITY USA

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Tree City USA cities located in the 26th District of Texas: Arlington, Carrollton, Colleyville, Coppell, Denton, Euless, Flower Mound, Fort Worth, Frisco, Grapevine, Keller, Lewisville, McKinney, Plano, Southlake, Trophy Club and Westlake.

The National Arbor Day Foundation is the primary sponsor of the Tree City USA program and works in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry program and state foresters. The Tree City USA program creates a technology-transfer network that involves nearly 3,000 Tree City USAs in all 50 states, Mayors, City Foresters, and concerned citizens throughout the nation.

The Tree City USA designation is awarded to cities that meet four distinct qualifications. To become a Tree City USA, a city must designate responsibility for public tree care to a volunteer board or city department; have a tree-care ordinance in effect; spend at least \$2 per capita annually on community forestry; and proclaim and observe Arbor Day. Cities that fulfill these requirements display a clear dedication to the environment and trees in their community.

I believe that trees and forests are very important national resources. Community forests help to improve the quality of our air and water, reduce runoff and erosion and contribute to important national energy-conservation goals.

So I would like to congratulate the seventeen cities in the 26th District, as well as all of the other cities nationwide, that received the Tree City USA designation. It is my hope that other communities will take note of the model activities in these cities and strive to earn the Tree City USA distinction for their city in the future.

TRIBUTE TO HAZARD VARSITY CHEERLEADERS

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 4, 2004*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the members and coaches of the 2004 Hazard High School varsity cheerleading squad. This year alone, the squad has cheered their way to four first place victories, an admirable accomplishment for a small-town team competing against much larger schools.

The Hazard cheerleaders began their winning streak in January, when they secured the top spot in the annual WYMT-TV Mountain Classic Cheerleading Competition. In February, the team traveled to Richmond, KY, where they competed with more than 50 cheerleading squads in the Kentucky All "A" State Cheerleading Competition. Their enthusiastic and skillful performance landed the squad with a first place showing. The team also received the coveted Team Spirit Award.

After their impressive showing in Richmond, the cheerleaders finished first at the KAPOS 54th District and KAPOS 14th Regional competitions, and earned the right to compete in the state competition. The squad earned an admirable fourth place finish in the statewide competition, marking the first time a Hazard squad has placed in the top five since they won the state championship in 1970.

It should be noted that the Hazard Cheerleaders accomplish as much during their regular season as they do in competitions. The squad cheers at all football games and basketball games, stirring up school spirit through their energetic routines and skillful stunts. They also have a commitment to community involvement, often volunteering at charitable organizations and local homeless shelters. I am proud of their contributions to Eastern Kentucky, both in cheerleading and their community.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Hazard High School cheerleaders for their tremendous success this year. I ask each of my colleagues to join me in honoring Hazard High School, coaches Cathy Hammonds, Vivian Carter, Lisa Combs, Wayne Noble and Shane Noble, and each and every talented member of the squad: Casey Smith, Lindsey Fields, Sydney Napier, Sarah Johnson, Jennifer Bryant, Jennifer Brock, Ashlei Mullins, Amber Hammonds, Paige Whitaker, Roxanne Whitaker, Marry Simms Carter, Kelly Hoskins, Becky Jo Brotherton, Sarah Hall, Whitney Francis, Brandi Hayes, Katie Hanson, Kayla